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## BOLD HOLDUP ON SANTA FE

**Messenger is Shot and Fatally Wounded and Money and Other Valuables Are Taken One Arrest.**

At Ludlow, on the Santa Fe, at about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, after the west bound train had left, there was a knock at the door of the express car. Messenger Roberts thought that it was a member of the train crew. He then opened the door of the car. As he did so he was struck on the head with a six-shooter when he sunk to the floor. He soon got up, however, and the man hit him again. Before he could get up again he was deliberately shot by the robber, the bullet passing through his breast. The robber then took his keys and opened the safe, securing a few hundred dollars in cash and a draft for \$5,000 and other valuables. When the train got to Dagget the railroad agent tried to get into the car, not being able to arouse the messenger, believing that all was not right. He then called the conductor and both men opened the door. They saw at a glance that the car had been looted. The messenger was found in his cot at one end of the car where he had crawled before losing consciousness. His suffering was intense and a surgeon was called to give relief. After a hasty examination the physician pronounced Mr. Roberts' wound as fatal. Roberts informed the physician at intervals the manner in which he had been attacked. He was made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances and was taken to Los Angeles. A negro giving the name of Williams was arrested at Barstew and the police believe that he knows something material about the robbery. He was taken to Los Angeles and there is a belief that Roberts can identify him as the robber. Two big posses are in the field looking the country over. The Santa Fe offers a reward and it is believed that Wells-Fargo will likewise offer a reward. Roberts is a well known messenger, and very much sympathy is expressed for him. There is also considerable feeling at all points adjacent to this robbery, and if any direct evidence is given, and a capture is made, summary justice will follow.

### ROBERTS' DYING WORDS LATER.

E. O. Roberts, the Wells Fargo express messenger who was shot on Tuesday night on train No. 1 and who afterward died, said that some one, whom he thought must be a trainman, knocked on the door of the express car just as the train was leaving Ludlow, Calif. He opened the door and as he did so a white man struck him on the head with a pistol, knocking him down. The chain on the door broke and the man entered the car. Roberts said that he was dazed and didn't know just what he was doing and as he attempted to rise the robber shot him in the back. The man took the keys of the local safe from his pocket and opening the safe rifled it. The robber left the car on an up-grade east of Dagget, where Roberts was found lying on his cot wounded. The messenger had attempted to stop the train by pulling the bell cord but was too weak to reach it, as bloody marks on the car show. Pools of

blood on the floor of the car also show that he was very weak and had to stop to rest several times in crossing the car to reach his cot. Roberts died in Los Angeles at 4:20 o'clock the day of the robbery.

### Elections of Officers.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles held their annual election at Elks hall on Monday evening and the following officers were elected for the year 1905: Worthy President—R. J. Walker. Worthy Vice President—L. W. Quinlan. Worthy Chaplain—C. F. Portz. Worthy Secretary—Edgar A. Brown. Worthy Treasurer—Thomas Devine. Worthy Conductor—Joe Barr. Inside Guard—Wm. Carson. Outside Guard—Jesse Spears. Trustees—J. A. Vail, Sidney Barron, H. C. Hibben. Worthy Physician—Dr. J. E. Adams.

### ODD FELLOWS.

The Odd Fellows' lodge elected the following officers last Saturday night: Eli Giclas, N. G.; Bert Hutchens, V. G.; F. M. Cummins, secretary; J. E. Jones, financial secretary; Jas. A. Vail, treasurer.

### F. & A. M. ELECTS OFFICERS.

Flagstaff Lodge No. 7, F. & A. M. elected the following officers at their last meeting: W. W. Williams, W. M.; S. F. Quay, S. W.; J. E. Ruffin, J. W.; T. E. Pollock, treasurer; Dr. E. S. Miller, secretary; A. E. Douglass, trustee. The installation of the officers elect will take place on Friday night, December 23.

### M. E. Church.

Services on Sunday morning and evening as usual. Subject of morning service, "Our Christmas Offering."

Junior Epworth League service at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The following Juniors were elected officers for the ensuing term: President, Mary McIlhmoyle; first vice president, Pearl Norman; second vice president, Evelyn Graves; third vice president, Lula Palmer; fourth vice president, Harriet Funston; secretary, Charles Dutton; treasurer, Hannah Funston. Miss Mary Funston is superintendent.

Our attendance at Sunday school last Sunday morning was 84. Keep the good work up and we'll soon have one hundred.

The "at home" day at the parsonage is Thursday, but we are glad to receive friends on any other day that you may find us in.

The Ladies' Aid deserves your patronage at their bazaar, to be held at the Armory on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

J. H. Lind has resigned the office of assessor, his resignation taking effect December 30. The term of office to which he was appointed expires the last day of December, 1905. His successor will be appointed by the present board. Chas. Canall, Robt. J. Walker and S. S. Acker are candidates for the appointment. The office is a good one and has a good salary connected with it, and the new appointee will hold for a year.

Gus Riemer, of San Bernardino, was here Thursday. His right to his homestead entry is being contested by the land department and the evidence in the case was heard in the probate court.

## TO SMUGGLE ON BIG SCALE

**Plan to Run Chinese Into Arizona and Represent Them as Mexican Indians.**

The immigration authorities have information of a plot hatched at Guaymas or Mazatlan, Mexico, to smuggle into the United States 20,000 Chinese Coolies, and thereby clean up a cool \$9,000,000, according to the San Antonio Gazette.

The plan was worked out by American renegades and Mexican and Chinese merchants, and each Chinaman successfully smuggled into the United States was to pay the conspirators the sum of \$500.

The plan was to bring the Celestials to Mexico direct from China, to cut off his cue and force him to let his hair grow similar to that of the Indian tribes in the mountains of Mexico, to teach him the Mexican language and to give him a Mexican name. It was thought that with these precautions it would be an easy matter to smuggle them across the border as Mexican-Indian peons. They would of course be dressed in Mexican costumes and in case suspicion was aroused it would be up to the American-Chinese inspectors to prove that they were Asiatics.

The Americans in the company were to have agents on this side of the line to handle all sent over and see that they were distributed in the various cities of the United States and utilized by boss Chinamen until they had worked out the charge of \$500.

The conspirators expected by these methods to send into the U. S. 20,000 coolies within the next three years, and to clean up at least \$9,000,000 net profit.

The coolies were to be worked in with gangs of bona fide peons in being taken across the border and the conspirators intended to use every port of entry on the Mexican border in carrying out their scheme.

The ports of Guaymas, Mazatlan and Acapulco would be the main ports for the reception of the Chinese hordes and the schools for training them into Mexicans would be situated in these points. As the Chinese acquires the Mexican language very rapidly, it was figured that six months would be sufficient time to train them properly.

Some very damaging evidence has been secured and it is very probable that some sensational arrests may soon be made.

The following pupils of the second primary department of the Flagstaff public school were neither tardy nor absent during the last school month: Third Grade—Julius Abineau, John Byron, Charles Cope, Ruth Diamond, Thomas Dent, Durward McKinney, William Watson, Clarence Pulliam, Wm. Worman, Lillian Palmer, Harriet Funston, Louis Conrad, Rossie Vishnu and Rosco Heckerthorn. Second Grade—Gussie Backman, Mary Brooks, Carl Dickinson, Fletcher Fairchild, Verna Fenton, Lee Glowner, Birdie Hackett, Carl Haffly, Eva Yost, Kate Triffterer, Frank Compton, Mary Greenlaw, Louise Greenlaw, Zettle Ball and Johnnie Ball.

Mesdames Matthews and Warren of Williams spent the week in Flagstaff.

Jeff Thompson is on the sick list with pneumonia.

Attorney J. E. Jones returned from a business trip to Prescott Sunday.

J. M. Dennis, of Maine, was in the city Thursday.

Thos. Brannigan and wife, of Belmont, were in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. J. B. Pouthie, who spent several days in Winslow with friends, returned Monday.

Prof. W. H. Russell, of Williams, was in the city on a business trip last Thursday.

M. McBride, the general merchant of Seligman, was here on business Wednesday.

P. M. Gavin visited his family here the first of the week. He is running a steel gang on the Santa Fe.

Richard Hart, a prominent wool-grower of Navajo county, was here on business Tuesday.

Matthew M. Murphy, superintendent of the western Navajo Indian reservation, was in town for several days this week.

Mrs. L. H. Tolfree, who has been visiting her daughters in San Francisco, Calif., for the past two months, returned Wednesday.

Captain Elliott, construction superintendent of the Indian school buildings at Tuba, spent several days here this week.

The Bank hotel hall has received a new coat of paper this week and a new stage put in. This with other minor improvements puts the hall in first-class shape.

Will Watson and family, who have been visiting relatives in Fredonia for several weeks past, returned overland Friday of last week. They were accompanied by W. F. Brooksby and wife.

Ludwig Veit, of this city, died at his home last Monday of pneumonia fever after only a few days illness. He was an old-timer in this country, having been here about twenty years, and had many friends who will regret to hear of his demise. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral took place Tuesday from the family residence.

M. J. Needham, who has been agent for the Navajo Indians at Tuba for the past six years, has resigned and returned to his former home at Pierce City, Mo. Mr. Needham during his residence in Arizona made many friends and conducted the affairs of the agency in such a manner as to gain the confidence of those with whom he did business.

Frank Nelson, who has been in the hospital for the past week ill with typhoid pneumonia, died this morning. He has been living here for the past ten years, being employed in the logging camps. He was a native of Sweden and about 42 years of age and was well liked by all who knew him. Chas. Nelson, a brother who lives in Mesa, arrived yesterday. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.